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Food and Drug Administration
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Re: Docket No. 98N-1038, Irradiation in the Production,
Processing, and Handling of Food

To whom it may concern:

I support the recommendation by the Center for Science in the
Public Interest regarding labeling of irradiated foods:

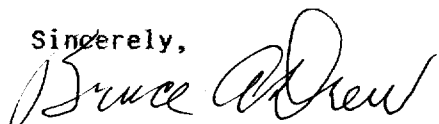
"any foods, or any foods containing ingredients that have been
treated by irradiation, should be labeled with a written statement on the
principal display panel indicating such treatment. The statement should
be easy to read and placed in close proximity to the name of the food and
accompanied by the international symbol. If the food is unpackaged, this
information should be clearly displayed on a poster in plain view and
adjacent to where the product is displayed for sale."

Like other labels, irradiation labels are required by FDA to be
truthful and not misleading. I believe that the terms "treated with
radiation" or "treated by irradiation" should be retained. Any phrase
involving the word "pasteurization" is misleading because pasteurization
is an entirely different process of rapid heating and cooling.

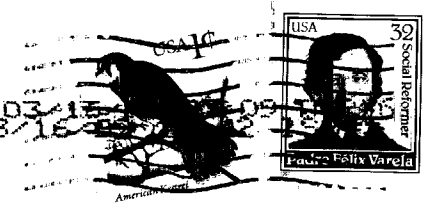
I recognize the radura as information regarding a material fact
of food processing. The requirement for irradiation disclosure (both
label and radura) should never expire. The material fact of processing
remains. The label should be clearly understandable at the point of
purchase for every one. If there is no label, consumers will be misled
into believing the food has not been irradiated.

I urge you to place the comments received on the Internet so
that the public can be informed about who is participating in this
comment process.

Sincerely,


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